

# Greenbelt News Review

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## P.G. Planning Board to Study Future School Site Needs

by Bill Rowland

The Prince Georges County Planning Board will prepare a functional master plan for future public school sites within the county. On Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m., the board plans a public forum in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School cafeteria to solicit public comment on the needs, concerns, and opportunities for the county's future educational facilities and sites.

The planning board has emphasized that it will be considering only future school sites; it will not become involved in issues relating to schools already closed or scheduled to be closed, school consolidation, desegregation, or educational policy — all being issues in which the planning board has no authority.

Currently over 200 undeveloped public school sites are shown on land use plans of the county's Adopted and Approved Area Master Plans. About 70 of these vacant sites are owned by the Board of Education, and about 130 are privately owned. Three sites are in Greenbelt. A tract of about 10 acres in Greenbriar has been earmarked for an elementary school. Adjacent to Windsor Green, an area of about 20 acres was set aside for a junior high school, containing within its boundaries the Windsor Green Ballfield. Both of these properties are owned by the Board of Education.

The third site is a large area of about 72 acres located between Greenbelt Homes and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Once owned by the Board of Education and intended to hold a three-school complex (senior, junior, and elementary levels), the land has been declared surplus by the Board of Education and is now owned by the county.

The planning board expects development of the functional plan for school sites to provide an up-to-date and detailed review of the county's need for school facilities during the next 20 years. The functional plan will permit projections for intermediate time periods not available from Area Master Plans, which show only what an area will eventually look like if it is developed to its expected full capacity. The new plan will also take into account, for example, decreases in county growth rate, in household sizes, and in school enrollment rates, fluctuating economic conditions, private market variations, and changes in local and regional policies that have shown up since many of the Area Master Plans were adopted.

If the county council adopts the completed functional plan, that plan will then amend the county's General Plan and all Area Master Plans with regard to school sites. The plan will also give the Board of Education better information for determining whether undeveloped school property should be returned to the tax rolls or put to other public use, as well as which other sites should be acquired for school purposes.

### Citizens' Committee

In addition to the December 10 public forum at Eleanor Roosevelt (and two similar forums in other parts of the county), the planning board will enlist citizen participation by setting up a citizen advisory committee to assist in formulating the functional plan. Copies of the planning board's announcement and detailed "Background Report" have been sent by city staff to the Greenbriar Boards of Directors and to the Windsor Green Homeowners Association.

The planning board asks that persons who want to speak at the public forum call 952-3515 to register in advance. Citizens may also register at the forum. Speakers will be asked to limit their comments to five minutes. Persons unable to attend the forum may send written comments, within 15 days after the forum, to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, Md. 20772.

## Council Says Highway Inappropriate Memorial

In a surprise development, the council declined to support Congressman Steny Hoyer's effort to rename the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in honor of former Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman. The council's reluctance was not based on any disinclination to honor Spellman, who was praised for her untiring efforts on behalf of Greenbelt. However, most council members felt that the Parkway was an unsuitable memorial for Mrs. Spellman since her concerns had always been people-oriented. The council agreed to send Congressman Hoyer a letter supporting the concept of a memorial for Mrs. Spellman but urging a more suitable subject.

## Red Cross Bloodmobile

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Greenbelt American Legion is sponsoring a bloodmobile to give residents of Greenbelt an opportunity to donate blood in their own neighborhood.

The bloodmobile will be held at the Greenbelt American Legion Post, 6900 Greenbelt Road, from 10 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. Call Prince Georges Red Cross to make an appointment, 559-8500.

## Fire Damages GHI Apartment

by Elaine Skolnik

A fire at 8-L Laurel Hill on November 29 at 2:30 a.m. was fought for an hour by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and firemen from Branchville, Berwyn Heights, West Lanham No. 2 station and Beltsville. This is a standard response — a four-box alarm—for row homes. No one was injured in the fire that was caused by a burning candle.

Damage to the GHI upstairs end apartment unit has been estimated by the fire department to be about \$4,000 to the structure and \$1,000 to its contents. (GHI's estimate is expected to be higher). The fire was contained to the corner of the bedroom. The owner of the apartment on the first floor was evacuated for a short time.

Greenbelt's assistant fire chief William Dunn explained that the usual procedure of "ventilation" was carried out by firemen after they groped their way through the soot-darkened apartment to reach the bedroom. There they were prepared to break a window if necessary to let the heat escape, using a steel bar that firemen always carry with them for this purpose. However, in this case, the window could be opened by hand.

A GHI rehabilitation team is surveying the damage. New windows have been installed in the 8 court of Laurel as a part of the rehabilitation program. However, vinyl siding has not yet been installed.

Another fire, at 112 White Birch, occurred on Tuesday, November 24, at 7:30 a.m. A toaster was the cause. Damage was confined to a corner of the kitchen cabinets. Three companies—Greenbelt, Branchville and Berwyn—responded. This is the standard response for a single-family fire.

Dunn said the fire was extinguished and firemen carefully moved items so that the damage would be minimal.

At this time of year, people should be more aware of fire hazards as furnaces, fireplaces, and space heaters begin to get heavy use. Cold-weather fires tend to be more dangerous because they can quickly use up the air in a tightly sealed structure, resulting in possible asphyxiation for occupants. Portable heaters in particular have special hazards, and should be used with caution. Heaters that need combustion air (such as kerosene heaters) should be used with enough ventilation to avoid asphyxiation.

## NOW Meeting

The Northern Prince Georges NOW chapter will hold its general membership meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 1981 at the Greenbelt library beginning at 7 p.m. A slide show on Sex Role Stereotyping in Preschool Toys and Books will be featured. For further information, call 552-2928.

## P.G. Gerrymander Adopted, Future Litigation Expected

by Charles F. Schwan Jr.

On November 30, County Council by a vote of 7 to 3, with one abstention adopted the plans recommended by the Redistricting Commission as modified slightly by an amendment offered by Councilman Gerard J. McDonough. The action came after a majority of council turned back efforts to approve the Ennis and Wynn-Smith plans. The former gained four votes, the latter three.

The expected action precipitated an expected reaction. Disgust and dismay is expected to persuade the American Civil Liberties Union to sue to set aside the adopted plan. Also considering such action are the League of Women Voters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the City of Greenbelt. Other possible litigants are the Black Ministers of Prince Georges County and the Americans for Democratic Action.

Grounds for the litigation are anticipated to be alleged discrimination against blacks (in only two districts is it anticipated that blacks could be elected); discrimination against women (two incumbent women members thrown into the same district, two others placed in districts where incumbent male members are thought to be stronger); and creation of districts not "compact and contiguous" (the Bowie-Greenbelt district and at least two others). It is expected that the Greenbelt City Council will consider this matter at its next meeting.

Voting for the Ennis plan favored by Greenbelt were Council Members Roy Dabney, Sarah Ada Koonce, Ann Lombardi, and Sue V. Mills. Opposed were McDonough, Parris Glendening, Frank Casula, David Hartlove, Deborah Marshall and Floyd Wilson.

Glendening, Casula and Mills supported the Wynn-Smith plan. Opposing it were Dabney, Koonce, Lombardi, McDonough, Hartlove, Marshall and Wilson.

The majority for the adopted plan was made up of Glendening, Casula, Dabney, Hartlove, Marshall, McDonough and Wilson. The opponents—all women—were Koonce, Lombardi and Mills.

Councilman William B. Amonett abstained on all votes.

Now the plan goes to the County Executive. Should he veto it, eight votes would be required to override. Should the motion to override not succeed, the plan recommended by the Redistricting Commission, i.e., the adopted plan without the McDonough modification, automatically would go into effect. Such a series of events

would not stop the expected litigation.



### AGENDA

## Regular Meeting of City Council Monday, December 7 1981 8 p.m.

- I. ORGANIZATION
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Meditation  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
  4. Minutes of Council Meetings
  5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
  6. Petitions and Requests
    - Letter from Mrs. Dorothy Noon Lupo
    - Re-naming of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to Gladys Noon Spellman Parkway
  7. Administrative Reports
  8. Committee Reports
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  9. A Resolution to Establish a Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee - Second Reading
  10. Revised Site Plan — Capitol Cadillac (Advisory Planning Board Report #257)
  11. CR 134-1981, Tax Increment Financing — Establishment of Greenbelt Area Development District
  12. County Councilmanic Redistricting
  13. Survey of Senior Citizens Needs (Community Relations Advisory Board Report)
  14. Council Vacancies
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  15. Ordinance — Cable Television Franchise Award
  16. Resolution Authorizing the Negotiated Purchase of Salt
  17. Resolution Designating Zoltan Bottykos Deputy City Treasurer in the Absence of a City Treasurer
  18. Program Open Space — Memo of Understanding
  19. Functional Master Plan for Prince George's County Schools
  20. Special Holiday
  21. Meetings
- V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda—subject to change.

### WHAT GOES ON

Fri., Dec. 4, 6-10 p.m. Craft Show, Youth Center  
Sat., Dec. 5, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Craft Show, Continued.  
Mon., Dec. 7, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.  
Tues., Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. Mary Bethune PTSA meeting  
Thurs., Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. Public Forum on Master Plan for future school sites. E. Roosevelt H.S.

### Squirrel Causes Outage

A squirrel tangled with an electrical transformer on Tuesday, December 1. As a result the power was out in a large part of Greenbelt from one to three hours and the squirrel population was reduced by one.

Green Ridge House had electricity immediately after the outage. Its emergency generator came on instantly.



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## Fitting Recognition

Nothing, it seems to us, could be more fitting than naming the Baltimore-Washington Parkway for former U.S. Representative Gladys Noon Spellman. It is a highway in which she took a particular interest. It was her commuting route, of course, between her home in Laurel and Capital Hill. It was also a major access route to Washington for Bicentennial visitors — and with her usual foresight, she took the initiative to have the Parkway repaired before that eventful summer. More recently, her leadership on behalf of Greenbelt led to the Federal Highway Administration's willingness to build a pedestrian overpass to span the Parkway and protect our children on their way to school. The Parkway goes through federal parkland, in whose conservation she took a special interest.

Thus we disagree with the position taken at the last meeting of the Greenbelt city council. The council has opposed the action of Congressman Steny Hoyer in introducing a bill to name the Parkway for his predecessor. All other Maryland members of both Houses of Congress, and many of their colleagues from other states, have already indicated their support for the idea. The size of Gladys Spellman's majority — more than 80% — in her last election shows that she was seen not as a partisan figure, but rather as a legislator dedicated truly to the best interest of her constituency. In the words of Congressman Hoyer, her two decades of public service were composed of "a combination of singular talent, total devotion to fairness, and complete concern for the welfare of all individuals . . ."

Indeed our city council appears to concede as much. Their action indicated no opposition to the idea of honoring (Mrs.) Spellman, but rather to the form of the tribute — this mere "ribbon of concrete." Yet most of these same councilmen, not many years ago, fought to preserve the memory of another worthy neighbor with just such a tribute — in maintaining the name of Cipriano Road.

Gladys Noon Spellman was our neighbor too. But she was also a national figure. As President of the National Association of Counties (while a member of the Prince Georges County Council) she visited almost every state in the Union, appearing before gatherings of citizens to garner support for the general revenue sharing bill that Congress ultimately passed.

While many of her former colleagues still occupy seats in the legislative body in which she played so effective a role, and before their recollection of her contributions has had a chance to fade — this is the time to act. The Parkway is a national highway. That it happens also to run through the Congressional District which she so well served makes its selection particularly apt for Congressman Hoyer's thoughtful gesture.

We think the council — at Monday's meeting — should reconsider. As we said earlier, nothing could be more fitting.

## Christmas Programs At Holy Cross Church

The choirs of Holy Cross Lutheran Church will present a special concert Sunday, December 6, at 7 p.m. A "Round The Table" carol sing will be featured.

Advent Services on Wednesdays, December 9 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. will be preceded by a fellowship dessert at 7 p.m. and group caroling at 7:15 p.m. Special music at the services will be provided by the Junior and Youth Choirs. The public is invited.

## Margaret Forsythe

Margaret Forsythe, 86, of 8 B Southway, died in Laurel Hospital on November 20, 13 years to the day that her husband died. She was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

The Forsythes moved to Greenbelt in July, 1968 and Mr. Forsythe died four months later. Mrs. Forsythe decided to stay in Greenbelt and for the next seven years she prepared meals on Mondays and Wednesdays for the Golden Age Club. She remained an active member of the club.

Mrs. Forsythe is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Jane Powers of Bowie, who had lived in Greenbelt from 1942 to 1952.

Funeral services were held in Portsmouth, Virginia, the family's former home, where interment took place.

## Mishkan Torah News

Mishkan Torah services on Friday, December 4 will feature a dialogue on "Prayer in Schools." Services start at 8 p.m. Saturday services begin at 9:30 a.m.

## Greenbelter in Play

Carl Knoll of Greenbelt is a member of the cast of "Night Watch," at Prince Georges Community College, starting on December 3. Call 345-4452 for information.

## Bake Sale Saturday

Saturday, December 5, Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center will hold a fundraising bake sale from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. Anyone who brings cakes, cupcakes, cookies, pies or breads will receive one complimentary ticket to use for any production at the theater. The bakesale will be held outside on the mall in front of the Utopia Theater; in case of inclement weather it will be held inside the theater. The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center needs support from Greenbelters. Please contact 345-4487 or 345-3516 for further information.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

### St. John's Episcopal Church

U.S. 1 & Powder Mill Rd.  
 Beltsville, Md.

Saturday, Dec. 5th 10am-3pm

Baked Goods - Crafts  
 Gifts, White Elephants  
 Christmas Decorations etc.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Church

3215 Powder Mill Road  
 near Cherry Hill

9:30 a.m. Forum: Bert Donn,  
 "... The Prospects of Nuclear War"

11:00 a.m. Service, Rev. Fred LeShane of Davies Memorial,  
 "Another Feast of Light"

937-3666

## Bethune PTSA

The next meeting of the Mary Bethune PTSA will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a short business meeting followed by a holiday concert featuring the chorus, band, and orchestra.

Greenbelt parents will provide refreshments. If any parent can bring cookies or punch, they should contact Mary Moien at 474-4713. All parents and students should plan to attend this meeting.

## LOCAL ARTIST HAS SHOW

Artist Isidore Reuben of Greenbelt is having a one man show during December on the concourse in the Greenbelt Library. On display will be 48 works, including acrylics, magic markers, crayon and pen and pencil.

## Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community  
 P.O. Box 245  
 Greenbelt, Md. 20770  
 474-4090/345-2918

## At Greenbelt Library

Saturday, December 5 — Tree Trim. Ages 6-12. 10:30-noon.

Monday, December 7 — Markland Madrigalia. 7:30 p.m. an evening of Medieval and Renaissance music and dance (in costume). Wassail bowl and cookies compliments of library staff.

## Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

(Ages Nursery - Adult)

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor  
 474-1924

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

First and third Sundays

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Second and fourth Sundays

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

422-8057

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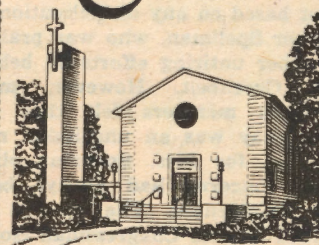
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Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.)

8:00 p.m.

For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## Christmas at



## GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST)

SUNDAY, DEC. 6: 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship and Communion

7:30 P.M. Combined Choirs Christmas Concert

SUNDAY, DEC. 13: 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

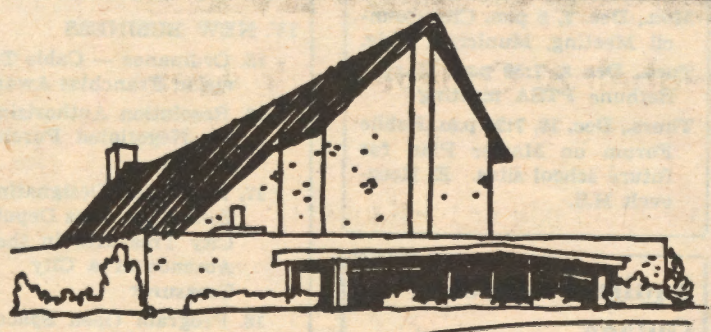
4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Festival of The Hanging of the Greens

SUNDAY, DEC. 20: 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship and Church School Christmas Pageant

THURSDAY, DEC. 24: 8:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

SUNDAY, DEC. 27: 11:00 A.M. Morning Christmas Worship

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Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

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# GHI Board Passes 1982 Budget, Discusses Loans, Illegal Additions

by Sid Kastner

After formally approving the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. budget for 1982, the board at the November 19 meeting took up initiatives by the staff to establish clear procedures for dealing with several issues of importance to members. These included loans from land reserve funds, presently under a moratorium; additions being built without GHI authorization and a system of steps for dealing with resale of homes, to fill the vacuum caused by the corporation's forced withdrawal from sales activity.

In the latter months of 1980, all loans to members from the corporation's Land Reserve Fund were suspended. Now, according to manager Tim Mitter, "many members are having great difficulty getting home improvement loans at any rates," so that the staff recommended reopening the loan program for small loans of \$500 or less, to be paid back at current interest rates. The board was generally receptive, but some also threw searching questions at the staff. Director Joe Jenkins expressed concern whether administration of the loans would be sufficiently discriminating to avoid lending to "poor risks" and suggested that a loan committee be first set up; he urged that the matter be tabled to get more information. Director Steve Curtis thought it would be worth investigating whether the fund—some \$34,000 at present—might be usable in other ways to the corporation. Assistant manager Shekar Narasimhan responded to Jenkins' concern with the assurance that loan applicant credit standing would be checked as a matter of course. However, the board referred the proposal to the Finance Committee for further study.

## Illegal Additions

According to the staff, an increasing number of unauthorized structures are being erected next to the original GHI homes. Mitter reported, in reply to a board member's question, that presently twenty-four such illegal additions are in the process of being built. This is becoming a serious problem in connection with the rehabilitation project, since it can delay siding installations, electrical heavy-ups or heat conversion work. Therefore the staff proposed two parallel procedures for notification to members, depending on whether the addition is encountered during GHI's normal operations or during rehabilitation work. In the first case there is usually time to allow members to correct the situation, but in the second case time is a critical element and the procedure would call for corrective action to be taken by GHI within twenty-four hours if the member did not re-

spond. Gary Morningstar, chief of administrative services, noted that this enforcement procedure "is aimed at the (additions) that are going up overnight, so we can get the (rehab.) job done." Director Frank Gervasi favored the idea as did chairman Jim Smith, though director Wayne Williams felt existing channels could be sufficient. A motion by director Della Donaldson to approve the procedure was passed by the board with Williams voting "No".

## Resales

A "strict, but enforceable, system" for handling member resales of GHI homes was suggested by Mitter and his staff. It would deal with contract processing and with resale inspection, and would consist of the following general steps: (a) Notification by member of intent to sell; (b) Notification of resale inspection; (c) First resale inspection; (d) Inspection certification; (e) Re-inspection and repair work if necessary, with costs charged to selling member. A comprehensive flow-chart of the procedure was provided together with drafts of the letters to be sent at its different stages. This provoked some discussion on the subject of member vs. corporation responsibility. Director Margaret Hogen argued that some of the items classified as member responsibilities in the staff's draft have normally been GHI's responsibility to maintain. On the other hand, staff architect Stanley Sersen pointed out that serious damage has been caused, for example, in some homes by members removing whole load-bearing walls, producing cracks in the structure. He and chairman Smith emphasized that members can and should work with the GHI staff if they want to make major interior changes.

Rayetta Henson of GHI's Sales Processing Department, when consulted for her reaction to the proposed procedure, expressed approval of it as creating more "seller awareness." The appropriate motion was then passed, to activate it.

## A Rehab. Report

Susan Gervasi, speaking for the Aesthetics and Environment Committee, reported that the committee members had walked through Greenbelt to take an "unofficial" look at the siding situation. They have found a number of problems including buckling siding, improperly installed trim, loose shingles along gutters, seams put on backward and electrical violations. She stated these are "things that the community is going to have to live with for a long time, and should be nipped in the bud," and urged that there be at least one responsible member per court to keep an eye out for such errors. In response to the committee's request for some statement on the status of the frame homes that have been stripped and not yet resided,

Morningstar acknowledged that "zebra stripes" are unsightly but noted that damage to the exposed tarpaper is repaired when detected; he further assured both the committee and the board that the siding contractor does not get paid until installation has been done to GHI's specifications. He agreed, in reply to a specific question, that it is electrical circuit problems that have held up residing on the homes in the central area of GHI.

On a related aspect of rehabilitation, Curtis, near the end of the meeting, urged that more action be taken to speed up conversion to electrical heat, which he felt could be accomplished in the next six months and which would save the corporation money. Mitter's reaction to this suggestion was to invite Curtis to meet with the staff and its engineers.

## Member Comments

June Didas, a new member, questioned the corporation giving a recent 7% raise to employees in view of the recession; she argued that "It's coming out of our pockets—our rates will go up." Smith replied "We have a responsible policy (and) try to treat them fairly—our personnel committee makes the recommendations."

George Randall of 24 Ridge described a tight parking situation in his court for which he proposed a solution which would create fourteen new spaces in the court area. He brought a petition to this effect, signed by most of the court residents. Jenkins suggested it would be appropriate for the Parking Committee to study the proposal, while Smith cautioned that several aspects would have to be considered also by management; the effect on green space, cost and the general logic of the concept.

At the end of the meeting, director Donaldson gave a vote of thanks to staff worker Joseph Whalen, "who did a great job on my Court" in thoroughly repair-

## THANKS

To the Editor:

Have you ever heard the roar of the engines and the blare of the sirens and wondered where they were going? Have you ever wondered how they managed to get to the burning building so quickly? Why do these brave men and women risk their lives for us every day and night without question? Most of us only take a brief second to think about these things and then we let the thought pass, my husband and myself included.

On Tuesday, November 24, my husband and I had been away from our house for approximately 45 minutes when we learned that in that short period of time we had a fire in our kitchen. Two people had tried to put the fire out (without success), the fire department was called, responded, and had extinguished the fire.

We wish to thank the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department for the quick and efficient way they handled our emergency. It should also be mentioned that these men took extreme care not to damage any of our personal belongings.

We also wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their help and many offers of assistance.

Jimbo and Chris Leckditer

## THANKS

To the Editor:

The Ladies of Charity of St. Hugh's Catholic Church wish to thank all the people of the community who contributed in any way to the success of their annual charity bazaar.

The winners of the various raffles (all Greenbelters) are as follows: Afghan, L. Moran; sweater, I. Martin; baskets of cheer, J. Gilkey and C. Perini.

Maree Loutsch, Chairman

ing the pavement.

Ruth Myers and Bettie Denson, the latter a member of the Audit Committee, criticized a budgeted item of \$1500 slated to pay for a board retreat. They urged that such a gathering be held in Greenbelt, to cut travel costs. Smith defended the item—not yet committed, but a possible outlay—as a worthwhile expenditure to help plan the corporation's future.

## INDIFFERENCE . . .

To the Editor:

I was fascinated to read in the morning newspaper that the County Council had voted for the gerrymander, against the clearly stated opposition of many citizens who made the long trip to Upper Marlboro more than once to urge the council to try to have sensible and fair councilmanic districts.

On second thought, perhaps the vote could have been expected. After all, at no time during the public hearing on Nov. 19 were there more than five members present, and most of the time fewer; during the last hearing on the 25th only four managed to drag themselves out to see what those affected by their plan might think of it!

The real question, obviously, is why they bothered to have a public hearing at all, and why, when they are running for public office, they like to say that they are interested in serving the public. Their indifference to the citizens was not merely arrogance, it was also gross rudeness.

Katherine Keene

## Open Letter

To Hillside Road Neighbors:

The deliberate destruction of the snow fence and planting at the new underpass pains me and is costing all of us. No one person or Greenbelt office has time to play cat and mouse (or maybe rat in this case) with the vandals, but perhaps all the families in the vicinity of 14-20 courts on Hillside, as well as families who are nearby on Research, Ridge, and Laurel will make a project of visiting the area every day. Frequent use of the underpass could discourage destruction and thereby make good the money we have spent and save us tax dollars in the future.


Rebecca Williams

## THANKS

To the Editor:

Nancy (Fulton) O'Reilly is recuperating at her home in Salem, Ore., after surgery. It was a happy ending. Thank you, Greenbelt, for all your prayers and good wishes.

Irene Fulton



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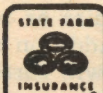
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## Recreation Review

### Craft Show and Sale

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### Men's Basketball

Slots are filling up fast with only a few spaces left for the Men's Franchised Basketball League. Brochures, with league information, may be obtained at the Youth Center Business Office, weekdays 5 a.m. - 5 p.m. For additional information, call the Recreation Department, weekdays, 474-6878.

## Golden Age Club

by Blanche E. Lee

At the December 9 meeting, Travel Chairman Zelpha Parsons will present a color slide show of a Jamaica and Caribbean Cruise by Jack Cobry. Literature will be passed out on the cruise planned for April by the Caribbean Tours & Cruises Inc.

The Club was saddened by the passing of two of its members in the month of November: Carnie Harper and Margaret Forsythe.

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5	16,080.00	1,340.00	309.23
6	18,810.00	1,567.50	361.73

All income amounts are gross income before deductions.

To qualify one does not have to be a homeowner. Renters can also receive assistance by providing proof of income and either heating bills or a copy of their lease.

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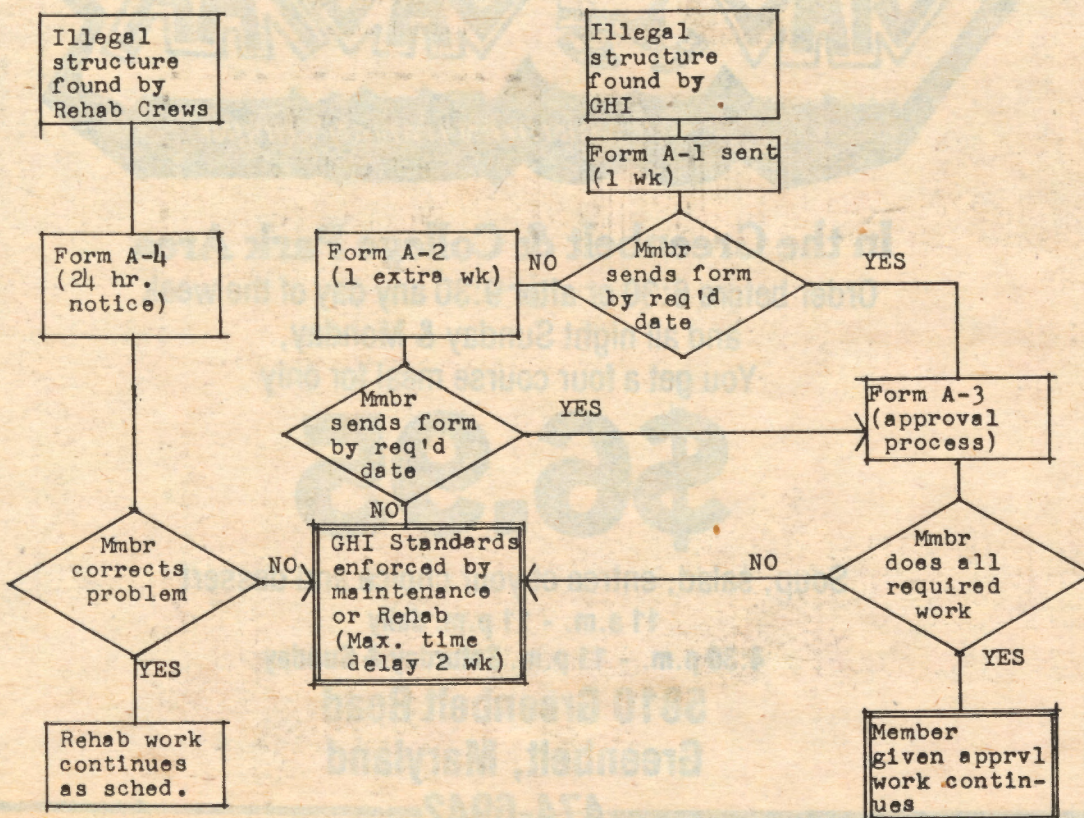
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# Board - Approved Procedures For Dealing With Illegal or Unapproved Additions

## Process For Illegal or Unapproved Additions Attention GHI Members



On November 19, the Board of Directors approved a procedure for dealing with illegal or unapproved additions. As Board President James Smith reminded members last week in this paper, Corporation policy requires that all planned modifications to the structure of GHI units must be approved in writing by the Staff Architect's Office. Illegal or unapproved additions are often in violation of GHI standards and Prince Georges County Building Codes. Furthermore, they complicate Rehabilitation. In dealing with the illegal additions that rehab has found, time is critical. The accompanying flow-chart and list of steps provide details.

### Step 1

- GHI cites the addition.
- Rehab cites the addition.

### Step 2

- If GHI cites the addition and within one week, the member agrees to stop work and get proper approvals, the member will be sent a letter stating the deficiencies. If the member does not respond satisfactorily within one week, the member will be informed that GHI will repair or remove the addition at the member's expense.
- If rehab cites the addition, the member has 24 hours to correct the deficiencies.

### Step 3

- If GHI cites the addition, either the member completes the approval process or on the 14th day Maintenance does an inspection and repairs or removes the addition.
- If rehab cites the addition and deficiencies are not corrected in 24 hours, rehab will correct or remove the addition at the member's expense.



## Police Blotter

compiled by Mavis Fletcher

The storage shed at the American Legion was broken into during the Thanksgiving holidays. Pfc. Thomas R. Justin closed the case with the arrest of a juvenile.

An apartment in Springhill Lake was broken into over the holidays also. Entry was made through a window. A large amount of property was taken.

Thefts from autos took place in parking lots located at Mandan Road, Hanover Parkway, Breeze-wood Drive and in Beltway Plaza. Items stolen included tools, spare tires and clothing.

A counterfeit twenty dollar bill was passed in the Beltway Plaza. The case is being turned over to the U.S. Secret Service.

The new Pepco substation on Greenbelt Road was broken into after 4:30 p.m. the night of November 19. Tools were stolen.

## MUSICALE AT UNIVERSITY

University Theatre of the University of Maryland will present a musical of style and wit, "Stop the World—I Want to Get Off." Performances are December 2-5 and 9-12 at 8 p.m., and December 5 and 6 at 2 p.m. in the Tawes Gallery.

For further information call 454-2201 weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Transcendental Meditation

A free public introductory lecture on the Transcendental Meditation (TM) Program will be given at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, at the Greenbelt Library.

The lecture, titled "Health and Happiness Through the TM Program," will be given by Mark Stickels, Greenbelt resident and TM teacher.

The program will begin with a short film and be followed by a discussion. For more information, call Mark or Pauline Stickels at 441-9398.

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## Utopia Theatre Presents

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by Paula Lipman

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center will sponsor a performance of "The Gospel of Jesus," featuring actor Bram Lewis, on Saturday, December 5 at 8:15 p.m. Lewis's performance relies solely on Jesus's own words from the King James translation of the New Testament. Although individual passages are drawn from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, they flow together into a single continuous powerful monologue. Through this dramatic device, Jesus's life and message are communicated with directness, clarity, force and immediacy.

Lewis, aged 28, graduated from London's Central School of Speech and Drama (where Lawrence Olivier studied). He has performed in many plays in both the United States and England, and is a veteran of radio and television, having appeared on ABC's One Life to Live as Jesse.

The performance will be held at the Utopia Theater. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For further information call Elizabeth Lawler, 298-3400 Ext. 716.

# Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center

Utopia Theater, 129 Centerway

Saturday, Dec. 5. Bram Lewis, accomplished actor of stage & screen will recite from the Gospel of Jesus.

Dec. 11, 17 & 18 Angela Schreiber & Greenbelt Players will present a hilarious one act play "A Point of View" followed by a choir of Christmas, seasonal and popular music from University of Md., Voice Department.

Dec. 12. Combined Choir of 4 Greenbelt Churches directed by Jean Cook, secular and sacred Christmas music.

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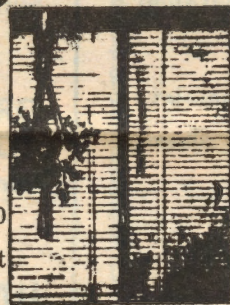


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## GHI NOTES

The GHI Board of Directors will meet Thursday, December 3 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. Items on the agenda include an addendum to the Edison Electric contract for rehab work and first readings on tree-trimming service and the 1982 expenditure authorization.

On Tuesday, December 8 at 8 p.m. two committees will meet. The Member and Community Relations Committee will meet in the GHI Lunch Room and the Personnel Committee will meet in the GHI Board Room.

The Maryland Energy Assistance Program is processing applications to assist income-eligible households in meeting the rising cost of energy. GHI members may be reimbursed as much as \$325 if they meet the income limits (see details elsewhere in this issue. Members with questions may call Dennis Lewis (474-5566).

Management regrets that the wrong name was published for Legislative Committee Chairman in the GHI Newsletter. The Legislative Committee Chairperson is Thomas White.

Members are reminded that common areas are not dumping grounds. To have trash collected, please call the city special trash number (474-8004).

Approximate rehab schedule is plumbing work at 58 court Ridge December 3-5 and telephone work at 14 court Laurel Hill December 1-10. Weather permitting, siding will be done at 48 and 69 courts Ridge and 6, 7 and 8 courts Research December 1-15 and 10 and 11 courts Southway December 16-31.

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## Combined Choir Offers Annual Holiday Concert

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will present its annual holiday concert on Sunday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. As part of the concert, the choir will perform "The Song of Christmas" by Roy Ringwald. The composition is made up of original music, selected excerpts from traditional carols and verses from the Holy Scripture. "The Song of Christmas" was first performed by Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians on December 21, 1943, and has lived on as a joyful and beloved work for the Christmas season.

The choir performs various types of music and will show its versatility in this performance which includes a calypso Christmas carol and a selection from Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation."

Singers from St. Hugh's Catholic Church, Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, Greenbelt Baptist Church, and Greenbelt Community Church have joined to form the Combined Choir along with singers who are not affiliated with a local choir. Organist for the group is Mildred Kern; pianist is Rosemary Birchard. The director is Jean Cook.

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Saturday, December 5th, 8:15 pm

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Sunday, December 6th, 3:00 pm

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Sunday, December 6th, 7:30 pm

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## POINTS OF VIEW - UTOPIA THEATER

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## SANTA VISITS GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER AND THE TOY EXCHANGE

Saturday, December 19th, 10 am - 12 n

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## CAROLING - MEET IN THE CENTER MALL BY STATUE

Saturday, December 19th, 7:30 pm

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## Christmas Concert At Roosevelt High

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Symphonic Orchestra, Band, and Chorus will present their annual Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Included in the program will be selections from the Nutcracker Suite and Leroy Anderson's Christmas Festival.

The Roosevelt Orchestra has been selected as one of 13 groups to represent North America at the Vienna, Austria Music Festival in July, 1982. They are now involved in a variety of money raising events for this trip. Donations would be appreciated and can be sent to Eleanor Roosevelt Orchestra, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, Md. 20770. For more information call 441-9071.

## Lutheran Youth Plan Varied Holiday Activities

The Youth of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church have several activities planned for the coming Christmas season. A hayride complete with bonfire, singing and stories is planned for Saturday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.; Christmas caroling is scheduled for December 19. The Youth will meet on Christmas Eve to decorate the church parking lot with lumi-

naires and to sing at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 10 p.m.

A ski retreat to Ski Liberty is set for Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 28-30. The year 1982 will be welcomed in with a New Year's Eve celebration including a bowling party and a midnight breakfast.

More information concerning these activities is available by calling the church office at 345-5111.

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## Our Neighbors

It's twins for Tom and Barbara Ceccarelli! Benjamin Michael, weighing 7 lbs. 1/4 oz., and Matthew Adam, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz., arrived on November 15. They join a brother Joshua, 18 months. Their proud dad is a sergeant with the Greenbelt Police Dept.

Eddy Ormond of Greenbelt is appearing in "Lone Star," a one-act play being presented at St. Mary's College of Maryland, December 2-5. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Ormond of Hanover Parkway.

Twenty-four people enjoyed turkey together on Thanksgiving at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

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